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The Nebraska Peace Society.

By Arthur Weatherly.

Mr. Edwin D. Mead, director of the World Peace Foundation, Boston, came to Nebraska at the invitation of the Nebraska Peace Society for a four days' campaign in the interests of our cause. He spoke on Thursday, January 16, in Omaha, before the members of the University of Omaha, before the Omaha Theological Seminary, at a large and enthusiastic meeting of members of the Commercial Club at a noonday luncheon, and in the evening at a mass meeting held in the City Hall. Friday he spoke at a special convocation of the State University in Lincoln, giving a very inspiring address. At noon he was entertained at a luncheon given by the Social Service Club, at which he made another splendid address. In the evening he gave the annual address of the Nebraska Peace Society, speaking on "The United States and the United World" to a large audience. Because the new dining-room of the Commercial Club was not ready, the luncheon that was planned for him had to be omitted, but in place of it a luncheon was hastily arranged at the Y. M. C. A., where he spoke to an interested group of business men. Mr. Mead returned Saturday to Omaha, and on Sunday gave three addresses there, two of them before large church audiences, and one in the afternoon at the regular meeting of the Omaha Philosophical Society. It was a strenuous four-day campaign and one that aroused widespread interest in the peace movement. The newspapers gave splendid reports of the meetings, and a number of new members were secured for the State Peace Society.

The annual business meeting of the Nebraska Peace Society was held at 4 o'clock Friday, the 17th. Hon. William Jennings Bryan was re-elected honorary president; Hon. Don L. Love, former mayor of the city of Lincoln, was elected president; Arthur L. Weatherly was re-elected secretary-treasurer, and Prof. F. M. Fling, of the State University, Dr. D. E. Jenkins, of Omaha University, and Rev. H. H. Harmon, of Lincoln, were named as members of the Executive Committee. The president and secretary are planning to speak at a meeting to be held in Crete, Nebraska, on February 12, and at other meetings in the State as fast as they can be arranged.

American School Peace League.

By Mrs. Fannie Fern Andrews, Secretary.

Since the annual meeting of the American School Peace League last July, in Chicago, the league has been most active in following up the interest aroused there, especially with those who were new to the work and who represent States with whom the league had not previously been able to get into direct contact. The foundation for four or five new State branches was laid during the convention, and the secretary discussed with presidents of State teachers' associations and State branches of the league the plan of making the State branches regular departments of the State teachers' associations. This idea met with cordial response.

During the past autumn many of the State teachers' associations have met and have given the American School Peace League a place on their programs. The

request from the secretary to the various State teachers' associations to make the State branch a regular department of the State Teachers' Association has been acted upon favorably, and already several associations have made the State branch a regular department. The Maine, Michigan, New Mexico, New York, Arkansas, Illinois, Oklahoma, and California State branches have already met as department sessions and have uniformly reported success. Their programs were printed in the official programs of the State teachers' associations and the addresses will be printed in the proceedings. Most of these branches also distributed literature to those present.

The New Mexico branch had a particularly successful convention. The following report comes from the secretary:

"The New Mexico branch of the American School Peace League held its annual meeting with the State Educational Association at Albuquerque. On Wednesday evening, November 6, it held a great peace meeting in the Elks' Theater, which was addressed by President David Starr Jordan on "The Fight Against War," and to which the general public was invited. This was unquestionably the greatest peace meeting ever held in New Mexico.

"On Thursday afternoon, November 7, the State branch held its regular business meeting as a section of the State Educational Association. This meeting was addressed by ex-Superintendent Hiram Hadley, president of the branch, on the subject, "The Work of the New Mexico Branch of the American School Peace League and How to Perform It," and by Hon. Alvan N. White, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, who spoke on "What the Department of Education Can Do to Promote Peace Teaching in the Schools of the State." Both of these addresses are printed in full in the pages of the proceedings. The address of President David R. Boyd, of the University of New Mexico, "Some Observations on the Teaching of History with Reference to Peace and War," was delivered without manuscript or notes, and cannot, therefore, be published in the proceedings. It was a strong and convincing argument for a more rational and progressive teaching of history by bringing out more clearly the destructive and purely barbarous nature of war, and by laying greater stress on the constructive and civilizing arts of peace. These addresses were followed by discussion in which many teachers took part.

"In the business session at the close of this meeting the branch took under consideration our work so as to reach the schools in every part of the State more effectively. The president, Hon. Hiram Hadley, presented a well-worked-out plan for the reorganization of the branch by abolishing four of the five vice-presidencies and also the board of nine directors, whose functions were chiefly nominal, and substituting a board of twenty-six county directors (one for each county in the State). This plan met with the hearty approval of all present, and was unanimously adopted."

The Maine State branch had the whole of one afternoon for its meeting. There were many prominent